

Abingdon Community Council Meeting
July 25, 2011

There were 7 members (C. David Copenhaver, Carlin Cook, Earl Gray, Susan Cook, Cynthia Hergenbahn; and new members Michael Galumbeck and Valerie Nozea) and 12 guests in attendance including: Councilman Joe Woods (jmwoods@harfordcountymd.gov), Deputy Logston (Harford County Sheriff's Office), Captain Swain (Southern District), Richard Ayres (Harford County Emergency Manager, and Kayla Bawroski (Aegis reporter).

The next meeting will be August 22, 2011 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
- Deputy Logston spoke concerning Community Policing.

Distributed map showing the region covered by the Abingdon Community Council

Distributed Harford County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Checklist Booklet

- Shared crime statistics for the June 2011 – decrease in service calls in both sector 30 & 40
- Encouraged people to call about fireworks complaints even though they are tough to handle
- When asked about gang activity, Captain Swain stated he is not aware of any serious gang issues in the Abingdon area
- Richard Ayres addressed emergency management in Harford County (410-638-3407)
 - Stated that families need to have a plan in case of an emergency
 - Stressed that all should have an emergency kit ready in their home (each person will need 1 gallon per day and there should be enough for 3 days)
 - Everyone needs to learn the community warning systems, most communities will hear a steady siren that lasts 3-5 minutes; tune radio to 103.7 FM for messages
 - Mr. Ayres sends out recorded phone messages to houses with listed land lines; you can get these calls on a cell phone by registering your number at <http://www.harfordpublicsafety.org>
 - He suggests keeping records safe and taking them with you if you need to leave your home
 - Make sure you have enough supply of critical medicines and take it with you in the original bottle if you leave your home
 - Go to <http://www.harfordpublicsafety.org> to download an emergency booklet
- Updated information from the Community Council
 - Box Hill Project – Seeking a zoning change to allow 1 building of 84,000 sq. ft. instead of 2 buildings of 42,000 sq. ft. each
 - Facebook friends – no need to have a personal account to access the Abingdon Community Council entries; we have several regular followers
 - Dr. Michael Robinson, Director, Statewide Community Outreach of Baltimore Neighborhoods Inc., wants to address the council on the topic of “Fair Housing and Tenant Landlord Law”– Will try to schedule at a later date
 - Council member Carlin Cook would like to have Abingdon Council create a community plan similar to one done by the Fallston Council – see the example at fallstoncommunityplan.com
 - Aug. 27 MD Dept. of Planning meeting about redistricting (HCC Amoss Center) See redistricting2011@mdp.state.md.us
- Councilman Woods gave updates:
 - Sent a letter concerning the proposed toll increases
 - September is the next County Council Meeting
 - Invited School Board member, Dr. Leonard Wheeler, to attend our Community Council meetings
 - The Governor's proposal to cut jobs at the MD Aviation Administration has been rescinded
- August meeting topic: Updates on the Master Plan for the area
- **Special Note: The Abingdon Community Council will NOT meet in December 2011**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. by Chairperson Cynthia Hergenbahn.

Minutes submitted by Donna Copenhaver